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DEPARTMENT ALSO PASS HUD - LAWRENCE B SIMONS

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SUBJ: PLANNED VISIT TO AUSTRALIA OF HUD ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(HOUSING) LAWRENCE B SIMONS

REF: CANBERRA 3091 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (EHCD) CONCERNING AUGUST 1978 TRIP TO AUSTRALIA OF HUD ASSISTANT SECRETARY (HOUSING), LAWRENCE B. SIMONS, WHO WILL, INTER ALIA, BE ADDRESSING NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HOUSING ECONOMICS IN SYDNEY.

2. EHCD HAS PLANNED FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SIMONS WHICH EHCD PERMANENT HEAT (SECRETARY), R. LANDSDOWN WILL BE TRANSMITTING DIRECT, BUT WHICH EMBASSY ALSO TRANSMITTING FOR INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT AND HUD:

7:00 AM ARRIVE SYDNEY JAL 771 (EX TOKYO) MET BY EHCD OFFICIAL AND ESCORTED TO HOTEL - MORNING FREE

AFTERNOON POSSIBLE CRUISE SYDNEY HARBOUR

OVERNIGHT SYDNEY (HILTON HOTEL)

FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST

9:00 AM DISCUSSION CHAIRMAN HOUSING COSTS INQUIRY (MR. ERNEST EYERS)

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10:00 AM DISCUSSION CHAIRMAN INDICATIVE PLANNING COUNCIL (MR. KEITH CAMPBELL)

11:00 AM VISIT GLEBE/WOOLLOOMOOLOO/WATERLOO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
LUNCHEON REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW SOUTH WALES HOUSING INDUSTRY

2:30 PM TOUR GREEN VALLEY/SHERWOOD HILLS/MACARTHUR - HOUSING PROJECTS

7:40 PM DEPART SYDNEY (ANSETT 98)

8.50 PM ARRIVE COOLANGATTA
OVERNIGHT SURFERS PARADISE (ILUKA)
SATURDAY 19 AUGUST
FREE- SURFERS PARADISE
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST
12:50 PM DEHART COOLANGATTA (ANSETT 23/362)
4:50 PM ARRIVE CANBERRA
OVERNIGHT CANBERRA (LAKESIDE HOTEL)
MONDAY 21 AUGUST
9:30 AM DISCUSSIONS - MR. BOB LANSDOWN, SECRETARY EHCD)
11:30 AM DISCUSSIONS - HON. RAY GROOM, MINISTER EHCD LUNCHEON
SENIOR COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS COMMONWEALTH CLUB
2:30 PM DISCUSSIONS - NATIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION;
TOUR OF CANBERRA
EVENING DINNER - DETAILS TO BE ADVISED
OVERNIGHT CANBERRA (LAKESIDE HOTEL)
TUESDAY 22 AUGUST
9:30 AM DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSIONS EHCD
LUNCHEON REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL HOUSING INDUSTRY
2:30 PM DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSIONS EHCD
7:15 PM DEPART CANBERRA (ANSETT 370)
7:55 PM ARRIVE SYDNEY
OVERNIGHT SYDNEY (HILTON HOTEL)
WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST
9:30 AM ATTEND OPENING SESSION NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HOUSING
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10:20 AM ADDRESS CONFERENCE
12:30 PM LUNCHEON AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
3:00 PM PRESS CONFERENCE (DETAILS TO BE ADVISED)
7:30 PM CONFERENCE DINNER - AFTER DINNER ADDRESS
THURSDAY 24 AUGUST
9:40 AM DEPART SYDNEY (UTA562)

3. AS EMBASSY AND EHCD BELIEVE THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY SIMONS
WILL WISH TO MAKE COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR ALSTON, WE HAVE
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MEETING FOR 11:00 AM, MONDAY, 21 AUGUST.

4. ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF DINNER ON MONDAY, 21 AUGUST NOT YET FIRM
IT CURRENTLY PLANNED THAT MINISTER FOR EHCD, RAY GROOM, WILL
HOST DINNER AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE TO WHICH AMBASSADOR ALSTON AND
GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LEADERS WITH INTERESTS IN HOUSING FIELD
WILL BE INVITED.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY SIMONS WILL BE ACCOMP-
ANIED BY MR. AND MRS. STANELY WALL, A PRIVATE SECTOR DELEGATE TO
MEETING IN USSR FOLLOWING AUSTRALIAN VISIT.

6. WE UNDERSTNAND THAT PROPOSED VISIT TO GREAT BARRIER REEF HAS

BEEN CANCELLED IN FAVOR OF VISIT TO SURFERS PARADISE IN VIEW OF
TIME, DISTANCE AND COST.

7. IN SOMEWHAT KGQORKSSED MANNER, EHCD CONTROL OFFICER ASKED

EMBOFF WHETHER OR NOT MR. SIMONS WOULD BE PAYING FOR HIS INTERNAL
TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES. CONTROL OFFICER SAID HE NEEDED KNOW
ANSWER FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES. EMBOFF SAID THAT WHILE HE EXPECTED
MR. SIMONS WOULD BE PAYING HIS INTERNAL EXPENSES, HE WOULD BE
HAPPY MAKE INQUIRIES IN WASHINGTON.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED PASS THIS TELEGRAM
TO HUD AND INFORM EMBASSY OF RESPONSE TO PARA 7.

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